

# Hampton Roads Regional Trails Update

Joint Environmental Committee

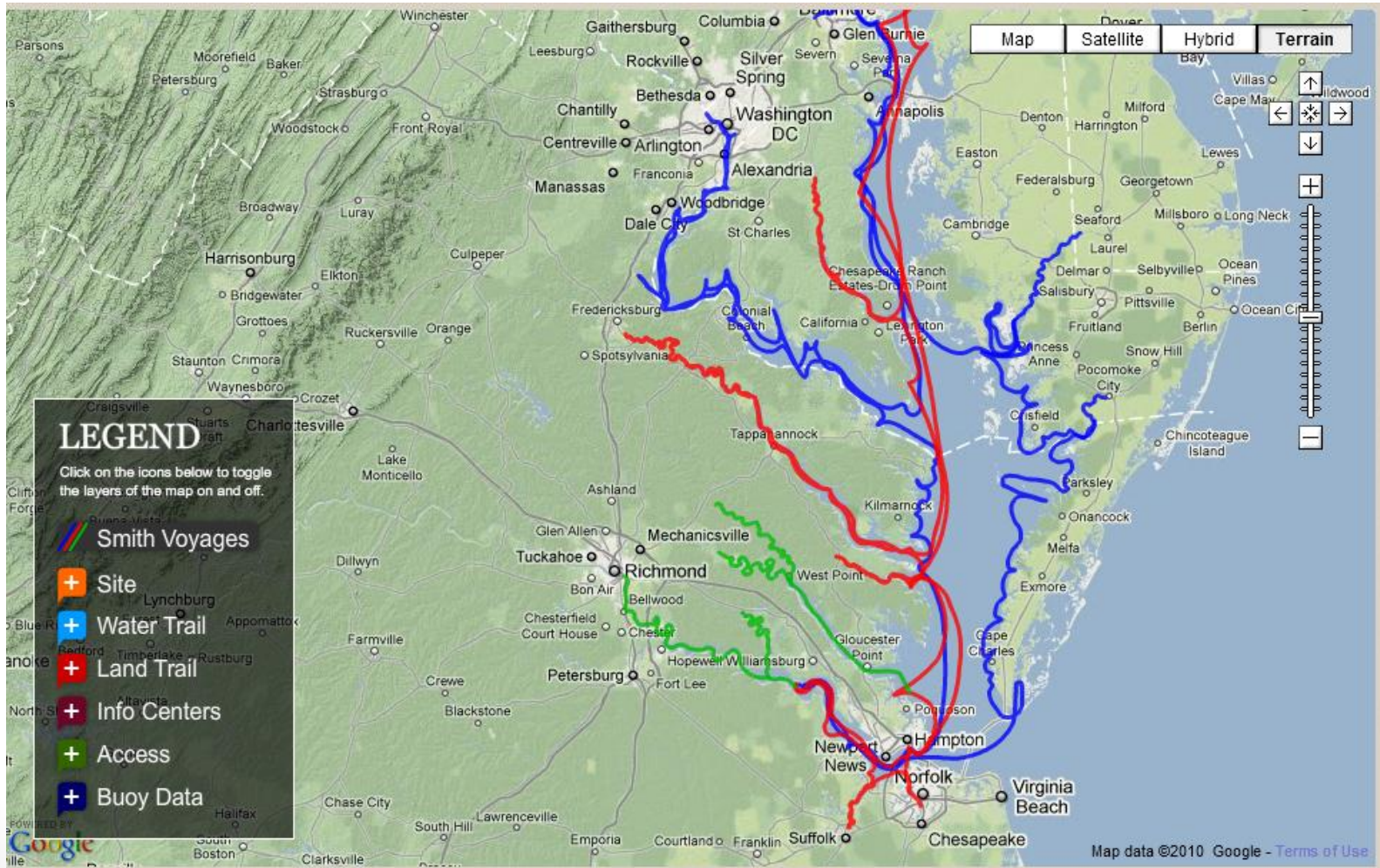
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# Trails in Hampton Roads

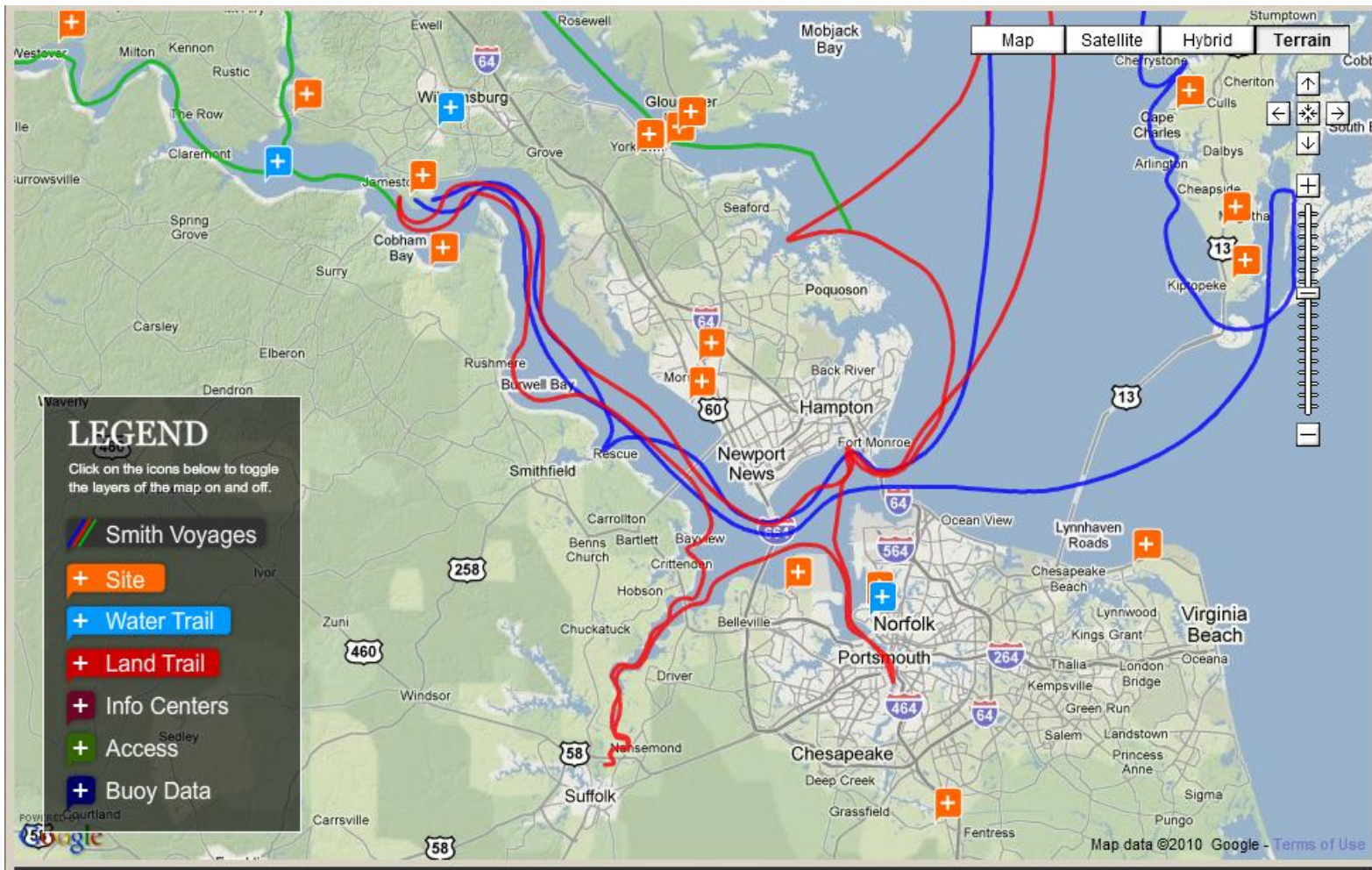
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# Captain John Smith National Historic Trail





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# Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail

- Commemorates Chesapeake Campaign in War of 1812
- Still under development – no trail segments have been defined
- Maryland has a Star-Spangled Banner Scenic Byway
- Overlaps with John Smith Trail
- Public workshops in Virginia - 2011

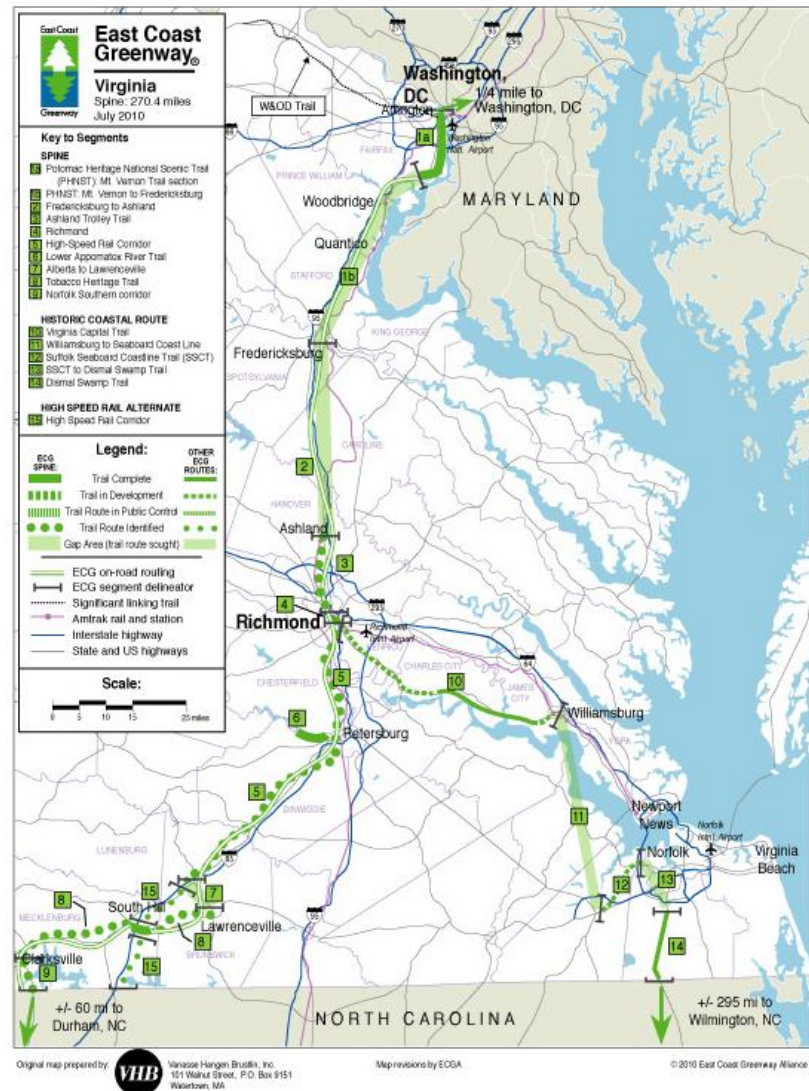
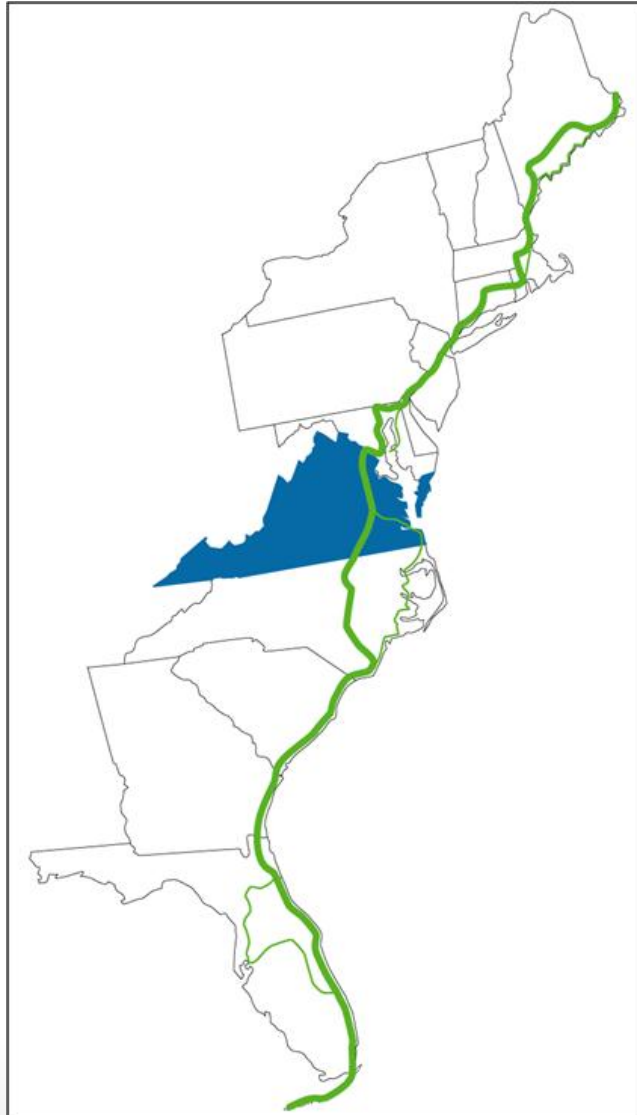
# East Coast Greenway



- Bike – Pedestrian trail
- 3,000 mile trail linking cities along the East Coast
- Historic Coastal Route passes through Hampton Roads (81 miles)
- Key involvement (interim route):
  - Chesapeake, Suffolk, Smithfield, Isle of Wight, Surry, ECGA, VDOT, DCR, bicycling & hiking groups, trail advocates

<http://www.greenway.org>

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# Southeast Coastal Paddling Trail

- Water trail along Atlantic Coast from Florida to the Chesapeake Bay
- Began with Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail
- Phase one: identify, document, and map corridor features/facilities in each state
- Key involvement:
  - NPS, DCR, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, HRPDC, Lynnhaven River NOW, Wild River Outfitters, USFWS, many more...

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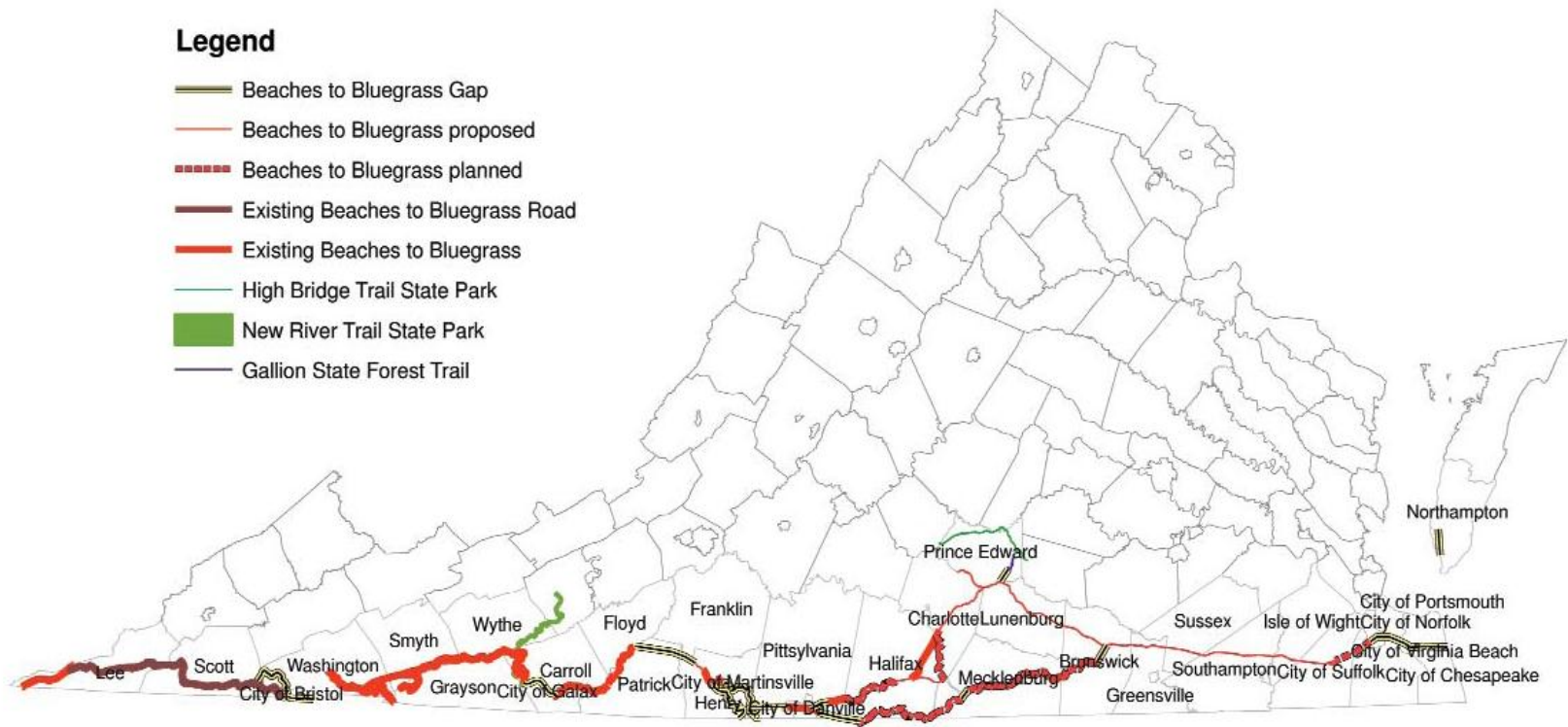
# Beaches to Bluegrass Trail

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## Legend

- Beaches to Bluegrass Gap
- Beaches to Bluegrass proposed
- Beaches to Bluegrass planned
- Existing Beaches to Bluegrass Road
- Existing Beaches to Bluegrass
- High Bridge Trail State Park
- New River Trail State Park
- Gallion State Forest Trail





# James River Heritage Trail

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### Legend

James River



# Virginia Capital Trail

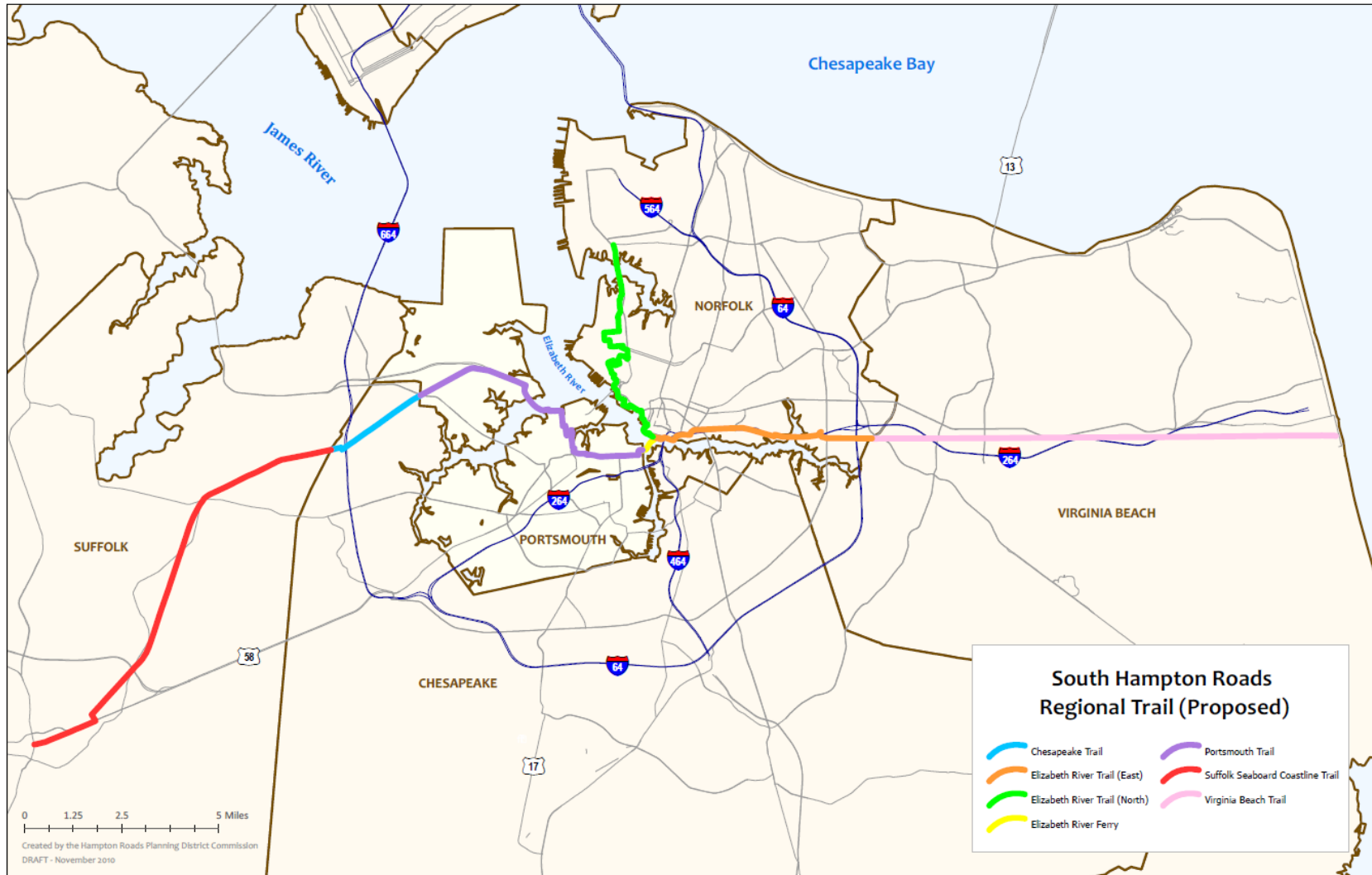


<http://www.virginiacapitaltrail.org>

# South Hampton Roads Trail

- Bike – Pedestrian trail
- 41 miles from downtown Suffolk to Virginia Beach
- Connects four of five downtowns/town centers
- Mix of facility types: trail (preferred), bike lanes, shoulders, HRT ferry
- Key involvement:
  - Suffolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, HRTPO, VDOT, DCR
  - Bike, running, hiking groups, trail advocates; recent interest by health community
  - Ad hoc steering committee

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# Dismal Swamp Connector Trail

- Potential extension of Canal Trail from VA/NC line to Dismal Swamp State Park Visitor Center in North Carolina
  - 3.25 miles long
- Still exploring land ownership/acquisition; funding sources
- Albemarle Commission is coordinating